

In reference to docket # 03-187 I am urging the FCC to protect migratory birds by beginning a systematic review of communication towers and bird mortality issues and by instituting a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality.

In addition, please undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts, require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.